Honolulu, Hawaii

Feby 14, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2057 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.B. No. 2057 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to honor certain cultural and religious practices by allowing hospitals, after appropriate testing for infections or hazards, to release a placenta to the woman from whom the placenta originated.

The Waikiki Hawaiian Civic Club, Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, Hawaii Women's Coalition, ACLU of Hawaii, Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii, Papa Ola Lokahi, and numerous concerned individuals supported this bill. The Department of Health submitted comments.

Your Committee recognizes the value of respecting the diverse cultures and religious practices of the people of our state. Your Committee notes that the release of a placenta is done for religious and cultural reasons. It is the intent of your Committee to allow for the continuation of this practice only for religious and cultural reasons.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Allowing hospitals to release the placenta to an individual designated by the woman from whom the placenta originated; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2057, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2057, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Health,

DENNIS A. ARAKAKI, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Health

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2057		Date: 02/09/06			
Committee Referral: HLT, JUD		☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: □ Pass, unamended □ Hold		Pass, with amendments Recommit			
1. ARAKAKI, Dennis A	(C)				
2. GREEN, Josh, M.D.	(VC)				
3. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.					
4. HALE, Heléne H.				aneksasankas sengendan akaban muuken mila za	
5. NISHIMOTO, Scott	Y	_ /			
6. SONSON, Alex M.7. HALFORD, Chris					
TOTAL		6	0	0	
The recommendation is:					
	☐ Not Adopted				
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Vice Chair's or designee's si	gnature:				
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